trade, culture and so on. Specifics were not discussed but in the generality, discussion took place and in furtherance of the discussion, we are working in that direction and cooperation between the two countries is taking more concrete shape than ever before.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Madam, I would like to ask the hon. Minister whether in his talks at Beijing, the matter which is causing a great concern in this country was discussed, specially, the matter regarding the missiles in Lhasa. It seems there are about 100 missiles which are facing 100 cities in the north of India as per the newspaper reports. I would like to know whether this matter was brought to the notice of the Chinese Government and if so, what did they say about it?

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Madam, China has denied this as rumour and said it is not based on truth. I would like to add, however, that all matters concerning our security environment and the security of the country are being constantly monitored and adequate precautions and steps are being taken at all levels.

Amendment of Indian Trade Unions Act

*405. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:†

SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to amend the Indian Trade Unions Act, 1926 in order to check the multiplicity of trade unions; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA) on behalf of THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR: (a) and (b) A number of amendments are proposed to be made to the Trade Unions Act, 1926 and the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. These include increase in the minimum membership for registration of a trade union, further restriction on the number of office bearers from among non-workmen, provision for collective bargaining agent|council for a unit or an industry for a specified term and increase in the payment of subscription by members of trade unions.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of House by Shri Suresh P chousi.

श्री सरश पचौरी : मैडम, जस्टिस गजेन्द्र गडकर की अध्यक्षता में गठित राष्ट्रीय श्रम आयोग ने 28 अगस्त, 1969 को अपनी रिपोर्ट सरकार को दी थी। इस आयोग ने एक नेशनल इंडस्ट्रियल रिशलेन्ज कमीशन नेशनल एवं स्टेट लैवल पर बनाए जाने की सिफारिश की थी। क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई निर्णय लिया है। यदि हां, तो उसका विवरण क्या है ? यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में वह कब तक निर्णय लेने के बारे में विचार कर रही है ?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Labour Courts/Industrial Tribunals

*403. SHRI T. R. BALU:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether, at the State Labour Ministers' Conference held in the recent past, any decision was taken to double the present strength of Labour Courts|Industrial Tribunals in each State;

(b) if so, what are the names of the States which have since implemented the decision|recommendation in this regard; and

(c) what steps are being proposed to speed up justice in regard to the cases pertaining to the industrial disputes pending in Labour Courts and